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Political Developments

Saddam Gives Radio Address

President Husayn gave about a twenty minute speech yesterday, which was billed by the Iraqi News Agency as "a historic speech...to the Iraqi people, the Arab nation, and the Islamic peoples." Saddam counseled Iraqis to be patient and predicted that victory would come. As he was drawing to a close, Saddam singled out for "special greetings...our brothers in Jordan, Sudan, Algeria, Yemen, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya."

Comment: The speech broke no new ground and did not address key issues such as how the war was going or any peace initiatives. It appeared to be a pep talk intended to prepare Iraqis for what Saddam apparently believes could be a long war. He also sought to reach out to a sympathetic international audience. As usual, the address was heavily couched in religious terms.

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Kuwait and Saudi Offer UK Money toward War Costs

King Fahd today indicated that he will make an unspecified cash contribution toward Britain's war costs, according to press reports. The announcement followed British Foreign Secretary Hurd's statement last night that Kuwait will give Britain \$1.3 billion in financial compensation.

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